

23 JUN 1970

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Correspondence from [REDACTED]

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After consideration of the 12 June 1970 letter from [REDACTED] and consultation with Mr. Houston, it was decided not to respond. It is recognized that this may result in a follow-up from [REDACTED] noting that no response had been received. However, our reacting specifically to each prior letter did not have the effect of cutting off the contact.

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[REDACTED]
Deputy Director
for Support

ADD/S: [REDACTED] (22 June 70)

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DD/S 70-2520 (ER 70-3200): Ltr dtd 12 June 70 to Mr. Helms fr
[REDACTED] re his ltr of 30 Sept 68.

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12 June 1970

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Central Intelligence Agency
Washington D. C. 20505
ATTN: Mr. Richard Helms

Dear Mr. Helms,

We have associated ourselves with a man who by his own admission was approached by your organization to help you due to his worldwide travel and intimate unobtrusive association with key world figures. He refused to work with your organization. We feel that it would be worth your time to meet with us and discuss this further as our current and future position puts us in an excellent position to aid you with this man's needed talents.

Reference to our letter, to you, dated 30 Sept 68 would no doubt be helpful in explaining this contact. We would also like to reiterate that we can be of service to you in any way way you might wish and a further discussion of our needs to clarify how we might aid each other would be in order.

We will be looking forward to an early reply.

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Sincerely yours,



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30 September 1968

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Central Intelligence Agency
Washington D. C.
20505
ATTN: Mr. Richard Helms

Gentlemen;

We are putting together an extensive world wide aircraft, automobile, and business combine that we feel offers a unique opportunity for C.I.A. activities. Although we do not know the current plans or activities of the C.I.A. we will list the areas we will be in, the plus factors of the business, and a brief explanation as to why it would be advantageous for the C.I.A.

I. We will have a locally based dual Piper aircraft dealership at [redacted] with world wide jet and used aircraft sales. In addition we will retrofit ex military aircraft, custom appoint private and business aircraft, and develop new ideas. In this phase of our operation we will of necessity be delivering and picking up airplanes all over the world, we will have pilots qualified in a multitude of different types of aircraft, offer charter service anywhere in the world and be capable of training any qualified individual in any piston or jet powered aircraft or helicopter.

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II. We will have an automobile and aircraft accessory manufacturing facility at [redacted] that will market world wide and work hand in hand with our aircraft division in that the markets will cover the same areas with the most unique and aggressive sales program ever devised. Development of all products will be done on our aircraft and cars.

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III. We will have an Insurance and Finance organization to arrange financing for single and multiple sales of aircraft and provide insurance of all types.

IV. Design and styling consultants for all industrial products on an international basis.

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Our operation as planned will make it possible to serve C.I.A. in the following areas;

1. Transportation anywhere in the world. No matter the location there are desirable aircraft to be bought and sold and we can justify transporting and/or picking up someone for C.I.A. in this way.
2. Offer unprecedented business cover almost anywhere in the world for whatever C.I.A. activities might be required.
3. Provide inconspicuous meeting places at our transient executive homes and offices in Colorado, Mexico, South America, Canada, Australia, and Europe.
4. We have over three-thousand intimate, carefully cultivated world wide contacts in all walks of life to aid our business that very easily could provide C.I.A. with an intelligence network not now available to this extent. These would include a number of college and university students, people in business, education, government, politics, military, and miscellaneous areas with special emphasis on Thailand, Laos, Mexico, South America, Germany, France, England, Australia, and the mid east.
5. Because of our extensive operations we could provide C.I.A. with an unnoticed recruitment program that would simply be a complement to our own hiring program. Along with this we will be maintaining files on potential customers, people with desirable talents, pilots, etc., and we could very easily be classifying people with desirable C.I.A. talents. Several of our own people have bilingual talents and are extremely capable.
6. We will have available numerous aircraft for any capability required at a moments notice for mobilization anywhere in the world.
7. Our world wide operations and multi-thousand contact organization offers an unequaled communications network.
8. We will be constantly collecting and maintaining all types of information and filing it in classified form to aid us in running our business, aid us in research, marketing, hiring, expansion, aid us in keeping abreast of political changes that might affect the business, and any other data that could be of aid in any way.

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9. This will be a unique, profit making business that would offer a cover of a lasting nature, offer mobility, and anonymity never before available with data available for almost any need that might arise and with lodging available for meetings or whatever the occasion might require.

We will maintain all of our held companies under the holding company title of [redacted] and have holding company headquarters in a private mansion that will offer privacy and complete facilities for conferences, planning, transient executive housing, and security for the valuable filing maintained by us. There will be five held companies under the [redacted] STATINTL STATINTL

We are sincerely convinced that what we are offering is an extremely desirable plan that would more than double current C.I.A. effectiveness at no increase in annual expenditure. There are and will be but two people in our organization aware of this plan. With everything in mind we would very much like to discuss further this plan with a C.I.A. representative of authority at the earliest possible time. We can be reached by phone at the following numbers; [redacted] STATINTL between the Mountain Daylight hours of 00:45 to 15:30 and at phone [redacted] between the Mountain Daylight hours of 16:00 to 00:30. STATINTL

We will be looking forward to an early meeting with C.I.A. and until then we remain;

Sincerely yours,

[redacted] STATINTL

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The Central Intelligence Agency,
 State, weekly magazine etc.

Dear Sir.

Please consider a statement
 regarding the C.I.A. (Secret Intelligence
 Service, Department, U.S. Government.

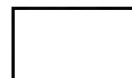
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| (1) Education | (4) World State, |
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By way of command, such a Department
 can also be of financial use.

In summary, I believe contact should
 be arranged.

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This commentary is requested as confidential - More Information may be obtained.

So being concluded,

Yours very truly.

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Monday June 8, 1970

Montreal.

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USA

Mister Lawrence R Houston, LL.B. J.D.
General Counsel
Central Intelligence Agency
Defense Intelligence Agency
Washington, District of Columbia 20500

Dear Counsel Houston:

I am doing a Research Project
on the Legal Aspects of Intelligence
and Counter-Intelligence for the
Chancellor of Northwestern University.
J Roscoe Miller, M.D. Ph.D.

Would you please advise me of
the authoritative sources on this
subject and provide me with
some tips on researching this
project if possible.

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Respectfully submitted

9 June 1970

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Dear Mr. 

With reference to your letter requesting assistance on a research project on the legal aspects of intelligence, it would be difficult to be truly helpful unless I knew the particular aspect of intelligence and the law in which you are interested.

On the general subject of U. S. intelligence, there is, of course, section 102 of the National Security Act of 1947, 50 U.S.C. 401 et seq., which established the Central Intelligence Agency. There are espionage laws designed to protect classified information against foreign intelligence as in 18 U.S.C. 793, 794, 798. There is also a certain body of law having to do with intelligence activities and their relation to international law, and most of the background and writing is found in various law review articles and international law journals.

Perhaps you have still other aspects in mind, but without knowing more I do not feel I can be specific.

Sincerely,

s/

Lawrence R. Houston
General Counsel

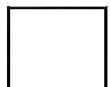
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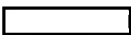
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5 June 1970

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Dear Mr. 

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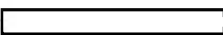
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Sincerely,

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Lawrence R. Houston
General Counsel

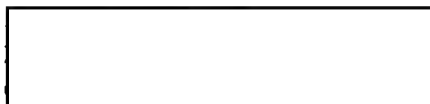
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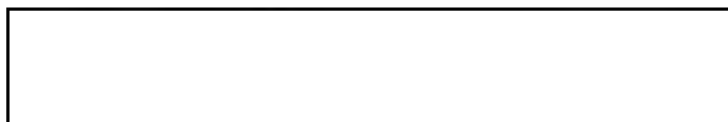
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Mr. Helms has asked me to respond to your letter of May 25, 1970.

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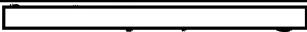
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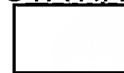
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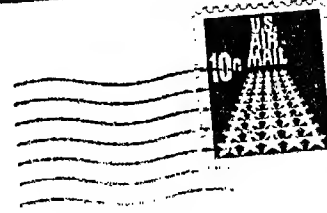
.... if you know him, could you also say
hello to my Uncle Dick? He used to live
at 614 S. Tennessee, but is now retired and
lives in Medford, Oregon....

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*C. Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C. 20505*

Attention: L.R. Houston

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THE CURIOUS SPY

Polish-born Anson Bolda was reputedly the son of a witch, a man who couldn't be killed.

But why would an old-world superstition concern the 20th-century C.I.A.?

Bolda's first mission to Poland, his capture and release from a Soviet prison, and his subsequent treatment at the hands of his superiors in Washington seem to be links in a chain meant to crush him.

Why? Is he being tested by the C.I.A.?

Or sold out?

Printed in U.S.A.

OGC 70-0885

28 May 1970

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Dear Mrs. 

Mr. Helms has asked me to respond to your letter of May 22, 1970.

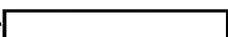
Let me explain a bit about the function of this Agency. As you probably know, our primary duty is to furnish foreign intelligence information and estimates on foreign developments to the policymakers of Government. We are specifically prohibited from any internal-security activities and consequently are not directly involved in domestic matters. All of us who make up the staff of the Agency are, of course, personally concerned with the serious problems confronting our country, both domestic and foreign, but in view of its basic role, the Agency as such can have little impact on the domestic side. Obviously, intelligence contributes to the formulation of policy, but if we are to maintain our standards of objectivity we cannot and should not play a decisive role.

Sincerely,

/s/

Lawrence R. Houston
General Counsel

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28 May 1970

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28 May 1970

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Dear Mr. 

Mr. Helms has asked me to respond to your letter of May 21, 1970.

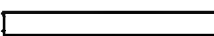
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28 May 1970

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Dear Mr. and Mrs. 

Mr. Helms has asked me to respond to your note.

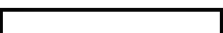
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General Counsel

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OGC 70-0852

22 May 1970

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Dear Mrs. 

Mr. Helms has asked me to respond to your letter of May 15, 1970.

I, too, subscribe to the Jeffersonian philosophy of an informed electorate, but history indicates that even Mr. Jefferson, as President, found it necessary to withhold some information from public disclosure.

There is a long history of such security practices, dating from President Washington's time to the present. It is now formalized in Executive Order 10501, which makes the head of each department and agency responsible for information under his jurisdiction which is classified in the national interest. It is also recognized in the Freedom of Information bill, which was enacted several years ago and was designed to make the Government disclose the maximum of information to the public but which specifically exempted classified information.


Since the briefings given to the Attorney General are necessarily highly classified, they cannot be given to the general public. I maintain, however, that the American public is not only well informed but is the best informed electorate in the world today.

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
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Lawrence R. Houston
General Counsel
Central Intelligence Agency

Dear Mr. Houston:

I have chosen to respond to your answer to my wife's criticism of Mr. Helms which resulted from his part in the murder of four American college students at Kent State by the National Guard. I do so because I see that your ignorance or your dishonesty prevents you from discussing this event as it actually happened.

My wife and I are aware of the fact that Mr. Helms acted as one of those "advisors" to President Nixon who decided the course of United States policy in Cambodia. We are also aware of the fact that the new government of Cambodia was illegally placed in power largely by the efforts of the CIA. Since the protests at Kent State, which brought about the murders of those four students by forces which represent the government of the United States, were protests against United States involvement in Cambodia, the CIA is obviously directly responsible for those murders.

It is thoroughly asinine for anyone to assert, as you do in your letter, that the wars in Cambodia, Viet-Nam, Laos, and Thailand have "nothing to do with problems of campuses, riots, and control of crowds." We can never accept the position that you had "nothing whatsoever to do with the tragic Kent State deaths." On the contrary, we repeat that we, as citizens of the United States, hold you directly responsible, not only for the Kent State murders, but for the thousands upon thousands of murders to which your agency has contributed in recent years.

There is no way of stopping dissent in this country without first stopping the murders which are produced out of your idiocy and the idiocy of the madmen in the Pentagon and the White House. Many American citizens know what you are doing, even if you yourself do not, and they are very angry.

Sincerely,

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OGC 70-0836

20 May 1970

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Gentlemen:

Mr. Helms has asked me to express his appreciation to you for sending the declaration in support of the President's policy on Cambodia. I am enclosing a brochure concerning the Agency and its functions which may be of some interest to your group.


Sincerely,

s/

Lawrence R. Houston
General Counsel

Enclosure

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20 May 1970

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Dear Dr. 

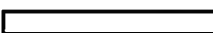
Mr. Helms has asked me to respond to your letter of May 12, 1970.

Let me explain a bit about the function of this Agency. As you probably know, our primary duty is to furnish foreign intelligence information and estimates on foreign developments to the policymakers of Government. We are specifically prohibited from any internal-security activities and consequently are not directly involved in domestic matters. We share your distress and dismay about the death of the students at Kent State University. All of us who make up the staff of the Agency are concerned with the serious problems confronting our country, both domestic and foreign, but in view of its basic role, the Agency as such can have little impact on the domestic side. Obviously, intelligence contributes to the formulation of policy, but if we are to maintain our standards of objectivity we cannot and should not play a decisive role.

Sincerely,

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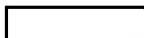
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19 May 1970

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Dear Mr. 

Mr. Helms has asked me to respond to your letter of May 12, 1970.

Thank you for the material pertaining to student unrest, but as you probably know we are specifically prohibited from any internal-security activities and consequently are not directly involved in domestic matters. All of us who make up the staff of the Agency are, of course, personally concerned with the serious problems confronting our country, both domestic and foreign, but in view of its basic role, the Agency can have little impact on the domestic side.

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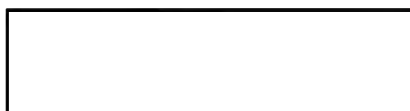
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19 May 1970

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Dear Mr. 

Thank you for your letter of April 29th to Mr. Helms.
For your information, I am enclosing a booklet giving the
background, mission and functions of the Central Intelligence
Agency.

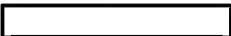
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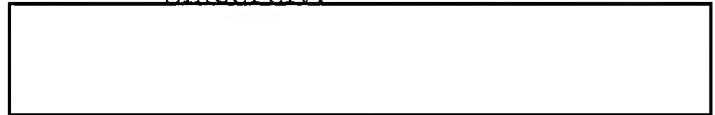
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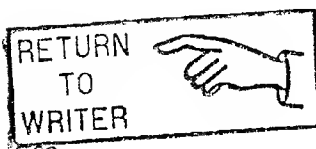
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WASHINGTON, D. C. 20505

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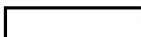
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18 May 1970

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Dear Mr. 

Mr. Helms has asked me to respond to your letter of May 12, 1970.

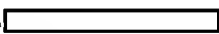
As a matter of policy, this Agency does not comment on stories of alleged actions. For your information, however, I enclose some items which have appeared in print concerning the point you raised.

Sincerely,

^{s/}
Lawrence R. Houston
General Counsel

Enclosures

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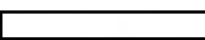
Thank you for calling our attention to the letter on Vietnam policy in the San Francisco Chronicle.

Sincerely,

s/

Lawrence R. Houston
General Counsel

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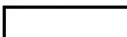
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18 May 1970

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Dear Mr. and Mrs. 

Mr. Helms has asked me to respond to your letter of May 11, 1970, in which you enclosed a copy of your letter to President Nixon.

Let me explain a bit about the function of this Agency. As you probably know, our primary duty is to furnish foreign intelligence information and estimates on foreign developments to the policymakers of Government. Obviously, intelligence contributes to the formulation of policy, but if we are to maintain our standards of objectivity we cannot and should not play a decisive role.

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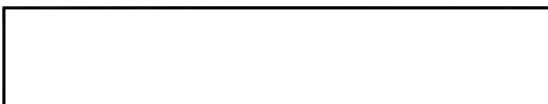
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OGC 70-0797

15 May 1970

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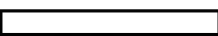
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Sincerely,

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15 May 1970

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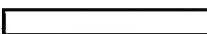
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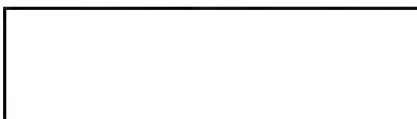
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15 May 1970

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Dear Mr. 

Mr. Helms has asked me to respond to your note about the death of the students at Kent State University.

We share your distress and dismay about this episode, but we are concerned that you somehow associate this Agency with the event. We are prohibited by law from becoming involved in domestic affairs and certainly have nothing to do with problems of campuses, riots, and control of crowds. I trust, therefore, you will accept that we had nothing whatsoever to do with the tragic Kent State deaths.

Sincerely,

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OGC 70-0792

15 May 1970

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OGC 70-0791

15 May 1970

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OGC 70-0790

15 May 1970

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OGC 70-0789

15 May 1970

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Dear Mrs. 

Mr. Helms has asked me to respond to your letter of May 10, 1970, inquiring about a statement made by Professor Scott at the Berkeley campus of the University of California.

Specifically, I am not aware of publication through any of the media of a story resembling that reportedly given by Professor Scott. So far as I can determine, we have not been told that such a story was circulating. We are, of course, aware that all sorts of speculation and conjecture appear one place or another about alleged activities of this Agency. Experience has led us to respond to inquiries in connection with such stories with "no comment." However, I would like to thank you for bringing this particular allegation to our attention.

Sincerely,

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OGC 70-0788

15 May 1970

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Mr. Helms has asked me to respond to your thoughtful letter of May 9, 1970.

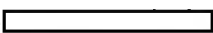
Despite what you have been told by your representatives in the Congress, I still believe that the most efficient way for an individual citizen to express his views is through the vote. In this connection, let me explain a bit about the function of this Agency. As you probably know, our primary duty is to furnish foreign intelligence information and estimates on foreign developments to the policymakers of Government. We are specifically prohibited from any internal-security activities and consequently are not directly involved in domestic matters. All of us who make up the staff of the Agency are, of course, personally concerned with the serious problems confronting our country, both domestic and foreign, but in view of its basic role, the Agency as such can have little impact on the domestic side. Obviously, intelligence contributes to the formulation of policy, but if we are to maintain our standards of objectivity we cannot and should not play a decisive role.

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OGC 70-0787

15 May 1970

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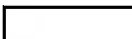
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15 May 1970

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15 May 1970

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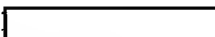
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